

REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 25, 2009, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement and grouped the applicants' claims into two categories. Group I includes claims 1-7 and 19 drawn to a method of sealing two substrates, and Group II includes claims 8-18 and 20-25 drawn to a sealing region. The applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I; however, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Claim 1 has been amended to improve its form by removing a reference number from the claim. Further, new claims 26 and 27 have been added to the provisionally-elected Group I claims. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

The applicants assert that their claims are drawn to a product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the product. As such, the applicants' claims meet the unity of invention requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.475(b)(1). Further, the applicants assert that the special technical features of their invention include the protuberances recited in the claims of Group I and Group II. In view of the recitation of this special technical feature in the claims of Group I and Group II, the unity of invention requirement is satisfied.

The applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I and assert that new claims 26 and 27 fall within the claims of Group I. The restriction requirement is traversed and the applicants request that all of their pending claims be examined at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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